

REMARKS

Claims 91-94, 100-108, and 110-113 are pending in this application. Claims 97 and 109 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the Office Action mailed July 10, 2008 and January 22, 2009, the Examiner stated that claims 97 and 109 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 91 and 103 are amended, incorporating the elements of claims 97 and 109, respectfully. As such, claims 91 and 103 are patentable. Dependent claims 92-94, 100-102, 104-108, and 110-113 incorporate the features of the independent claims on which the dependent claims are based. Therefore, the dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as independent claims 91 and 103. Entry of these amendments after final is respectfully requested.

In the response filed April 21, 2009, Applicants added new claims 133-144, with claim 133 based on claim 103 and claims 134-142 based on claims 104-108 and 110-113. The Advisory Action mailed April 30, 2009 stated that the proposed amendments would not be entered because they raised “new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.” In a telephone call to the Examiner, the Examiner stated that claims 91-94, 100-108, and 110-113 would be allowable, but that claims 133-144 would require further consideration and/or search.

Conclusion

The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claims at the earliest possible date is requested.

If prosecution of this application can be assisted by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorneys at (510) 663-1100.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are required to facilitate the filing of this Amendment. However, if it is determined that such fees are due, please charge such additional fees to Deposit Account No. 504480 (Order No. IGT1P492C1).

Respectfully submitted,

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